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## **Three Individuals Indicted in Murder-for-Hire of Navy Officer**

**(Newport News, Virginia)** – Catherina Rose Voss, 32, and Michael Anthony Eric Draven, 27, both of Newport News, and David Anthony Runyon, 37, of Morgantown, West Virginia, were indicted by a federal grand jury on February 13, 2008, on charges of Conspiracy to Commit Murder for Hire; Carjacking Resulting in Death; Bank Robbery Resulting in Death; Conspiracy to Commit Robbery Affecting Commerce and Murder with a Firearm in Relation to a Crime of Violence. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; Edgar A. Domenech, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Washington Field Division; James D. Fox, Chief of Police, Newport News Police Department; and, Samuel G. Worth, Special Agent in Charge, Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Norfolk field office, made the announcement after the indictment was unsealed today. If convicted, each defendant faces a maximum penalty of life in prison or death.

According to the indictment, the defendants engaged in a murder-for-hire plot to kill Cory Allen Voss, an officer in the United States Navy, to obtain life insurance proceeds and other Navy benefits. On April 29, 2007, Cory Allen Voss was shot and killed in the area surrounding the Langley Federal Credit Union, Oyster Point Branch, in Newport News, Virginia. The victim, age 30 at time of his death, was married to Catherina Rose Voss. The indictment alleges that Catherina Rose Voss and Michael Anthony Eric Draven, with whom Catherina Voss was having an extramarital affair, hired David Anthony Runyon to kill Cory Allen Voss, and that David Anthony Runyon traveled from West Virginia to commit the murder.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Explosives, the Newport News Police Department, and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. Assistant United States Attorneys Lisa R. McKeel, Brian J. Samuels, and Blair C. Perez are prosecuting the case on behalf of the United States.

Criminal indictments are only charges and not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed to be innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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